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FOR HARTMAND AND SONNENFELDT

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 34928 ACTION AQABA 14 FEB

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS:US,UR,PFOR  
SUBJECT:BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH  
FONMIN GROMYKO:ISSUES/TALKING POINTS:COMPLAINTS  
WHICH SOVIETS COULD BRING UP AT GENEVA

FOR: HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT  
(DURING THE PAST WEEK SOVIET OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW AND  
WASHINGTON HAVE REGISTERED COMPLAINTS ABOUT THREE MINOR  
BILATERAL ISSUES. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THEY  
WILL COME UP IN GENEVA BUT BACKGROUND IS PROVIDED IN  
CASE THEY DO.)

1. DISTRIBUTION OF USIA MAGAZINE. SOVIET COMPLAINT:

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THAT THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS DISTRIBUTED COPIES

OF THE USIA ENGLISH LANGUAGE MAGAZINE DIALOGUE CONTAINING MATERIAL ON SOLZHENITSYN "HOSTILE TO THE SOVIET UNION."

(A) TALKING POINT: THE "MATERIAL ON SOLZHENITSYN" WAS A REVIEW OF HIS BOOK BY AN AMERICAN AUTHOR. THE MAGAZINE DIALOGUE IS DISTRIBUTED ONLY IN A FEW COPIES (250) LARGEY TO OTHER EMBASSIES AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WHO ASK FOR IT. THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DISTRIBUTES FAR MORE MATERIAL THAN DOES THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW YET US AUTHORITIES DO NOT COMPLAIN ABOUT IT.

(B) BACKGROUND: USIA HAD PLANNED TO START DISTRIBUTING A SMALL RUSSIAN EDITION OF DIALOGUE MAGAZINE STRIPPED OF ALL POTENTIALLY CONTROVERSIAL ARTICLES IN MARCH. THE SOVIET PROTEST MAY HAVE BEEN MADE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PLAN. USIA HAS HELD UP THE RUSSIAN EDITION UNTIL A MORE FAVORABLE MOMENT.

2. RADIO LIBERTY. SOVIET COMPLAINT: A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMPLAINED "UNOFFICIALLY" THAT RADIO LIBERTY IS BROADCASTING ANTI-SOVIET MATERIAL, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING SOVIET NATIONALITY PROBLEMS.

(A) TALKING POINT: (1)RADIO LIBERTY IS A PRIVATE RADIO CORPORATION FUNDED BY THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING ESTABLISHED BY THE CONGRESS. THE BOARD IS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY AND RADIO LIBERTY IS NOT AN OFFICIAL US RADIO STATION. (2) RADIO LIBERTY'S POSITION IS PERHAPS ANALOGOUS TO THAT OF RADIO PEACE AND PROGRESS, A SOVIET STATION WHICH FREQUENTLY TAKES

POSITIONS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY SOVIET OFFICIALS DO NOT REPRESENT THE OFFICIAL VIEWS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

(B) BACKGROUND: THIS IS THE FIRST QUASI-OFFICIAL SOVIET COMPLAINT ABOUT RADIO LIBERTY IN SOME TIME. IT MAY HAVE BEEN DONE TO EXPLORE THE LEVERAGE PROVIDED  
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BY THE FACT THAT THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING IS FORMALLY CHARGED BY THE CONGRESS WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INSURING THAT RADIO LIBERTY AND RADIO FREE EUROPE OPERATE "IN A MANNER NOT INCONSISTENT WITH BROAD FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES" OF USG.

3. JACK ANDERSON ATTACK ON MALIK. SOVIET COMPLAINT: THE USG SHOULD STOP US PRESS ATTACKS ON SOVIET

REPRESENTATIVES SUCH AS ANDERSON COLUMN ON FEBRUARY 11  
ALLEGING ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES BY SOVIET PERM REP AT UN  
MALIK.

(A) TALKING POINT: ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND SOVIET  
CONCERN, A STUDY OF THE US PRESS AND ANDERSON'S COLUMNS  
IN PARTICULAR SHOULD PROVIDE CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT  
USG DOES NOT AND CANNOT CONTROL PRESS. INGERSOLL  
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